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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

CHMIELEWSKI ET AL.

Examiner

Brij B. Shrivastav

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9-12,14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 2,8 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/9/05.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jaskolski (US 5,274,332).

As regards to claim 1, Jaskolski et al teach a split-up coil for use in magnetic resonance imaging, including a first housing and a second housing having a first and a second RF coil, respectively, with slides disposed on at least one of the housing (figures 3b and 5-7, numerals 38, 39, 55, 56 and 57A). Jakolski et al further teach a plurality tracks (figure 5, numeral 57B) disposed on at least one of the first and second housing such that the tracks are opposite to the slides (figure 5, numeral 57A) so that the tracks receive corresponding slides for mechanical coupling (figure 5, numeral 57).

As regards to claim 12, it is rejected on the same basis as claim 1 above, as gradient coils are inherent and integral part of a modern MRI system (figures 3b and 5-7, numerals 38, 39, 55, 56 and 57).

As regards to claim 6, Jaskolski et al teach a split-top RF coil for use in magnetic resonance imaging having a first axis (z), the first and second RF coils including a first and a second housing respectively, and the two coils have a first and a second position to be disposed therein; and the coils having mechanical means to be coupled

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mechanically by moving the two housings in the direction of the first axis z; and also having electrical coupling means for electrically coupling the first and second RF coils by moving the two housings with respect to each other in the direction of the first axis (figures 3b and 6, columns 6, lines 15-26; 7, lines 19-60).

As regards to claims 3-5, 7, 9-11 and 14-15, Jaskolski et al further teach a plurality of slides are disposed on at least one of the two housings, and the pin receiver and the conductor pins are opposite to each other, wherein mechanical and electrical connections using jack and plug arrangement are made by sliding the two housing (figures 4-7, column 5-80)

3. Claims 2, 8 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brij B. Shrivastav whose telephone number is 571-272-2250. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 AM to 4 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. F. Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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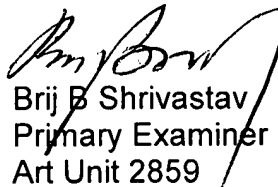
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March 19, 2007


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